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## **WESTERN STATES ROOFING CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION**

**PRESS RELEASE -- PRESS RELEASE -- PRESS RELEASE**

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**To: Roofing Industry News Outlets**

**From: Western States Roofing Contractors Association's Executive  
Committee**

**Regarding: WSRCA TPO Roof Membrane Testing & Research Project – 7<sup>th</sup>  
Year Report**

### **News Release:**

During 2009, Western States Roofing Contractors Association's Low-Slope Committee completed the work in the field to survey all four of the TPO (thermoplastic polyolefin) test roofs, including the roofs in: Anchorage, Alaska; Las Vegas, Nevada; San Antonio, Texas; and Seattle, Washington. After returning from the field late in 2009, microscopy work was performed to photograph and document all sixteen (16) of the extracted test samples, then the samples were shipped to the National Research Council (NRC) of Canada's Laboratory in Ontario, Canada for the months of involved laboratory testing and analysis.

The Data Collection Forms from each of the site visits are complete, and a draft of the laboratory data compilation has recently been received from NRC's Chemist and Building Envelope and Structure Program Director. However, due to budget constraints during 2009, the TPO Task Group did not meet for their typical two-day meeting in Seattle. As such, the 7<sup>th</sup>-Year TPO Report has not yet been completed.

However, the TPO Task Group recently conducted their winter teleconference, whereby 2010 budgets were reviewed and it was mutually agreed that the group would endeavor to secure funding to complete the 7<sup>th</sup>-Year Report during 2010. The TPO Task Group is composed of:

- NRC's Ralph Paroli, Director of Building Envelope and Structure Program;
- NRC's Ana Delgado, Senior Research Officer;
- WSRCA's President, Chuck Chapman, from Central Roofing;
- WSRCA's Senior Vice-President Christian Madsen, from Madsen Roofing;
- and WSRCA's Former President, KC Barnhardt, from Quality Roofing and Sheet Metal.

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All of whom are working in conjunction with the Participating TPO Manufacturers, which are:

- Carlisle's, Randy Ober, Manager Thermoplastics Product Development;
- Dow Roofing Systems's Steve Moskowitz, Vice President of Technical and Warranty Services;
- Firestone Building Products's, Dwayne Wacenske, TPO Marketing Manager;

as well as:

- WSRCA's Technical Advisor, Jim Carlson,
- Building Envelope Technology & Research's Associate, Stephen Elliott.

Working in the field with the Participating Contractors: conjunction with the participating TPO manufacturers, which are:

- Tim Gardner and Kyle King, Snyder Roofing;
- Dennis Conway, Commercial Roofers, Inc.;
- Mark Sansing, American Roofing & Metal Co., Inc.;
- Curt Miller, Rainproof Roofing, Anchorage, Alaska.

As such, it is with this press release that WSRCA's Low-Slope and Executive Committees desire to advise WSRCA Members, and others interested in WSRCA's TPO Roof Testing and Research Project, that they can anticipate the 7<sup>th</sup>-Year TPO Roof Testing and Research Report will be published during 2010.